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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Historic City Hall, Hearing Room
915 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California
February 7, 2014
9:00 a.m.
DRAFT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Julianne Polanco, Chair, History
Bryan K. Brandes, Vice-Chair, Public Member
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
Marshall McKay, Folklife (arrived at 9:15am)
Anmarie Medin, Historical Archaeology
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Rick Moss, Ethnic History
David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D., State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Secretary to the Commission
Jenan Saunders, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Tara Lynch, Chief Counsel, California State Parks
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
Eric Allison, California Historical Resources Information System Coordinator

William Burg, State Historian I
Amy Crain, State Historian II
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been duly given and a quorum present, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Julianne Polanco.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Polanco led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The Commissioners and OHP staff introduced themselves. Chair Polanco extended congratulations to Tara Lynch on her recent appointment to the position of Chief Counsel, California State Parks.

IV. WELCOME

Catherine Taylor, Department Preservation Officer, California Department of Parks and Recreation, welcomed the Commission and gave a PowerPoint presentation about cultural resources in state parks and the role of the Archaeology, History and Museums Division of State Parks (AHM) in the management and care of those resources. She discussed AHM's organizational structure and funding as it pertains to the management of cultural resources, and the technological systems utilized to assist in that work. Ms. Taylor also highlighted the quantity and types of resources present in parks, and outlined the strategic initiatives developed to manage the resources.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. None

VI. APPROVAL OF November 8, 2013, MINUTES

Commissioner McKay moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chairperson's Report

Chair Polanco reported that she and Commissioner Harris attended the January 31, 2014, ribbon-cutting event at Crystal Cove for the new Michael and Tricia Berns Environmental Study Loop Trail, where the California Historical Landmark plaque for the Crystal Cove Historic District was also unveiled. Chair Polanco commented on the excellent work done to restore the natural environment and provide an educational center for youth. Commissioner Harris expressed her admiration for the public-private partnership that ensured the project's success. Chair Polanco noted that the trail opening was a State Parks 150th anniversary event, and encouraged everyone to attend other 150th events throughout the coming year.

B. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary and State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Roland-Nawi reported that the Office of Historic Preservation recently completed an internal reorganization to better balance ratio of staff to supervisors, and provide staff opportunities to expand and share their specific skills and knowledge with other units in the office. SHPO Roland-Nawi gave an update on the Latinos Context Study, reporting that several draft chapters of the context have now been submitted by the contractors working on the project and look very good. Roland-Nawi then mentioned the ongoing project of updating the OHP's website and communications overall, calling attention to the OHP newsletter *Preservation Matters* with its new look and thematic format. SHPO Roland-Nawi reported that the OHP continues to participate in the State Parks' 150th anniversary program. She thanked Commissioner Harris and Chair Polanco for attending the Crystal Cove kick-off event, and noted that Amy Crain of the OHP's staff also attended and was the author of the Crystal Cove nomination. Roland-Nawi then reminded everyone that nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. Finally, SHPO Roland-Nawi reported that the State Preservation Tax Credit initiative is continuing to move forward through the efforts of the California Preservation Foundation and a coalition of preservation non-profit groups. Assembly member Toni Atkins has agreed to carry the bill.

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders added that materials from the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)/SHPO Summit, which took place in October

2013, were now available on the OHP website. She also reported that there were four new THPOs recently approved in California; bringing the total to 30 THPOs active throughout the state.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS OF ALL NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Registration Unit staff presented a PowerPoint program that highlighted the properties on the Consent Calendar to be heard by the Commission.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Union Iron Works Historic District
San Francisco, San Francisco County
National Level of Significance
2. Tassajara One Room School
Danville, Contra Costa County
Local Level of Significance
3. Robert O. Peterson-Russell Forester Residence
San Diego, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance
4. Pilarcitos Creek Bridge
Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County
Local Level of Significance

B. California Historical Landmarks, New Nominations

1. Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge
Placer and El Dorado Counties
2. Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds
Pacific Grove, Monterey County

Vice-Chair Brandes moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Paez, Preservation Coordinator for the Port of San Francisco spoke in support of the Union Iron Works Historic District, thanking the Commission for

their approval of the nomination. He noted that this was a significant step in the Port and their partner agencies' planning efforts for the 65 acre site and its reuse. Mr. Paez thanked OHP staff for their help throughout the nomination process.

Mike Lynch, Superintendent with California State Parks and Co-chair of State Parks 150th Anniversary Committee, spoke on behalf of his agency and the Placer County Historical Foundation, thanking the Commission for their approval of the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge California Historical Landmark nomination. He also thanked William Burg, OHP staff, for his help. Mr. Lynch mentioned that plans were underway to mark the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge's 102nd anniversary on March 23rd. This event will be part of the California State Parks' 150th anniversary legacy program. Mike Lynch then thanked Jenan Saunders for "spearheading" a series of Historical Landmarks to be updated/designated during this anniversary year.

David Eblovi spoke regarding the Pilarcitos Creek Bridge. He thanked the staff of OHP, and especially William Burg for all of the help and support throughout the nomination process. Mr. Eblovi said he "had never worked with a government agency as capable, patient, and willing to help, as I did here." Mr. Eblovi said the result of the Pilarcitos Creek Bridge nomination was an "energized community."

Chair Polanco thanked the speakers, and then mentioned that the State Historical Resources Committee and the California Preservation Foundation would be holding joint meetings at Asilomar, April 22-25, 2014.

X. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM

SHPO Roland-Nawi recused herself from this discussion and vote. Tara Lynch, Chief Legal Counsel, California State Parks, read from the federal code for the National Historic Preservation Act, regarding the SHPO and Commission's roles and responsibilities regarding the hearing of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. New Helvetia Historic District Sacramento, Sacramento County Local Level of Significance

Arthur Scotland, Sacramento resident and retired judge, spoke in support of the nomination. He spoke of the specialness of the New Helvetia historic buildings as visual representations of both the highs and lows of Sacramento's cultural past, and the work of attorney Nathaniel Colley to end discrimination in the City's public housing.

Paula Boghosian and Don Cox , both of Historic Environment Consultants, spoke in support of the nomination, addressing the significance of the site with regard to its identity as defense housing during WWII and later as low-income housing; for its association with Nathaniel Colley and his efforts to desegregate public housing; and its importance as the work of master architects.

Luree Stetson, Upper Land Park Neighbors, voiced the Upper Land Park neighborhood's support of the nomination of New Helvetia Historic District, expressing the respect and admiration held for the work of Nathaniel Colley and the property's importance through its connection to Mr. Colley.

Celia Yniguez, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), spoke in opposition of the nomination. SHRA is requesting postponement of the nomination while they fulfill requirements of the HUD grant received for the agency's housing project. They argue they need time to work with residents throughout the grant process.

Consuelo Hernandez, District Director for Councilmember Steve Hansen, also spoke in opposition. She noted that New Helvetia is part of a larger housing project to revitalize housing throughout the surrounding area. She expressed concern about the impact this nomination may have on the HUD grant.

Luree Stetson and Celia Yniguez spoke again, Ms. Stetson in rebuttal to the opposition, and Ms. Yniguez in response to Ms. Stetson's rebuttal.

Chair Polanco asked Chief Counsel Tara Lynch to read aloud the NHPA code outlining the Commission's responsibilities with regard to requests to postpone motions on specific nominations.

Commissioner Harris moved that the Commission determine that the New Helvetia Historic District meets National Register Criteria A, B, and C at the local level of significance and that procedural requirements of the nomination process have been met. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Progress Report

Chair Polanco updated the Commission on the various properties that had been listed in the National Register since the last meeting of the Commission, as noted in the meeting agenda.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of State Historical Resources Commission 2013 Annual Report

Chair Polanco thanked staff for their work on the report. She also asked that a list of the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards recipients for 2013 be added to the report.

Commissioner Praetzellis moved that the 2013 Annual Report be approved with the requested addition of the Governor's Awards listing. Vice-Chair Brandes seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

B. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Update and Electronic Fee Schedule

Eric Allison, CHRIS Coordinator at the OHP, gave an update on the CHRIS Maintenance and Operations Action Plan for the digitization of the inventory of statewide resources. He noted that the plan's primary tasks are all underway and, in most cases, nearing completion.

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders reported that the public relations/outreach efforts regarding CHRIS included postings on the OHP website, in monthly ePosts, and may be included in future OHP webinars.

Eric Allison addressed the issue of the CHRIS fee structure. He reported that the ICs felt the fees overall were adequate and working well. Allison noted that challenges still existed when determining fees for various services requested. He then read from the staff report in which it was recommended that the Commission approve continued use of the May 2012 fee structure—and the South Coastal Information Center's continued use of a modified fee structure—until the second commission meeting in 2015, by which time the CHRIS Organizational Structure Assessment will be completed and staff will present a reassessment of the existing fee structure.

Chair Polanco moved to request that staff present an update on the CHRIS assessment at every meeting, and that the May 2012 fee structure with the South Coastal IC modification, be extended until the Commission's November 2014 meeting. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archaeological Resources Committee

Commissioner Medin reported that the Committee is working with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) on updating CEQA guidelines. She also mentioned that a CEQA workshop will be hosted by the United Auburn Indian Community, working with the OPR.

B. Cultural Diversity Committee

This committee had no report.

C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC)

Commissioner Praetzellis reported that Leigh Jordan, Coordinator of the Northwestern Information Center, was retiring after more than twenty years of service. Commissioner Praetzellis wanted to enter into the record recognition of Ms. Jordan's exemplary service. SHPO Roland-Nawi added that OHP staff had discussed presenting a resolution to Ms. Jordan from the Commission, to be given at the Asilomar meeting.

D. Modernism Committee

Commissioner Harris reported that the Committee has had two meetings and both went well. Harris noted that local communities have been working for 20-25 years to save resources from the recent past; the State has just recently "jumped in," but is helping to coordinate and reenergize the movement. She reported that the Committee is working with stakeholders and recently selected Alan Hess to be the first official non-Commissioner committee member. The Committee hopes to see more involvement of local politicians and community leaders in decisions affecting modern resources. Commissioner Harris concluded by stating the next meetings for the Committee will be March 14, April 11, May 16, and June 13.

XV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Bertoli asked for clarification on what is the actual purpose or responsibilities of the Commission's sub-committees. Chair Polanco stated that the committees are intended to address any topics related to their area of concern and inform the Commission if there are actions the Commission needs to take as a body about a particular topic or issue. Chief Counsel Lynch added that sub-committees can take actions regarding matters within their own committees but cannot take action on behalf of the Commission.

Following discussion regarding quorums and the reappointment of committee members, Chair Polanco requested that all Committee chairs send updated lists of their committee members to her and to the SHPO and Deputy SHPO by February 21, so all members could be duly noted and reappointed as needed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Polanco adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer

4/17/2014

Date